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OUR FOREIGN POLICY.

STANDS BRITAIN WHERE SHE DID?

GOVERNMENT WARMLY DEFENDED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, January 16.

The House of Commons was crowded for the resumption of the debate on the address-in-reply. In the course of a lengthy statement on foreign affairs Mr. Ronald McNeill, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, warmly replying to the indictment of the Government's foreign policy, pointed out that foreign policy was essentially continuous and if there had been gross mismanagement in the past five years the Government's chief critics were very largely responsible. He pointed out that Mr. Lloyd George would agree that if Mr. MacDonald was going to the Foreign Office with "a broad foot and a big heel" to stamp upon M. Poincaré with a view to establishing peace in Europe, he would find he was in for a very heavy disillusionment (Ministerial cheers).

SEPARATIST MOVEMENT DOOMED?

Mr. McNeill claimed that the Government had lost no opportunity to enlist the assistance of the United States or to take any means open to them to arrive at a solution of the reparations question. As regards separatism in the Rhineland the Government's attitude had been that they were unable to sanction any separatism amounting to a declaration of independence by states forming part of the Reich which would take them outside the Reich because that would alter the whole situation in regard to the Treaty but if they wanted Home Rule inside the Reich Britain would not interfere, provided there was sufficient demonstration that it was the will of the people themselves. Obviously in the greater part of the Rhineland the separatist movement was not spontaneous and owing very largely to the influence of Britain, supported by Belgium, it had come to a natural end but in the Palatinate it had assumed graver proportions. At first it appeared that it might be genuine but latterly the Government had concluded it was not now genuine any longer but if it was left to itself it would very soon collapse. The Government had sent Mr. Clive to the Palatinate to ascertain the facts and this had caused a certain amount of additional Anglo-French friction but he greatly hoped that friction would soon be smoothed over and that Mr. Clive's report would enable the Government clearly to determine action.

BRITISH PRESTIGE STILL HIGH.

Mr. McNeill defended the Government's policy in regard to the Ruhr and claimed that those criticising the Government on the ground that British prestige had been lost were wrong. General Harrington had said that British prestige in the Near East was never higher and General Allenby said the same about Egypt. One of the Dominions leaders at the Imperial Conference had told him that wherever he went he found that the one country whose moral approval or disapproval counted was Britain. Mr. McNeill concluded that according to all reports Mr. MacDonald himself was going to the Foreign Office. Mr. McNeill confidently predicted that before many months Mr. MacDonald would tell the Commons that he was completely disillusioned. **NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN ON REPARATIONS.** Replying to Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Neville Chamberlain said Germany had now agreed to give an undertaking regarding the eventual reimbursement of German exporters in connection with our Reparations Recovery Act and a German representative was on the way to England to discuss the method. He detailed the steps taken to ensure that the big stocks of steel which had accumulated in the occupied territories, estimated to be from two to three and a half million tons should not be disposed of in a way likely to dislocate world markets. A British commission was proceeding thither and Britain had suggested the establishment of an Inter-Allied Disposals Board. The French had arranged not to license exports exceeding the average rate of export for 1922.

Replying to Sir John Simon, Mr. Neville Chamberlain said he thought the present reparations in kind were less than before occupation of the Ruhr. He pointed out that in view of M. Poincaré's assurances no industrial arrangement between French and German firms had hitherto been made and the British Government would be given the fullest chance of expressing its views if an arrangement was proposed.

Mr. Penny suggested that France should be asked for an assurance that she meant to honour her debt obligations towards Britain and she and others pay us something on account until a final adjustment was made. The House adjourned until tomorrow when the Labour no confidence amendment will be moved.

TANGIER.

CONVENTION EXPLAINED TO COMMONS.

LONDON, January 16.

In the House of Commons Mr. Ronald McNeill made a lengthy statement in regard to the Tangier Convention. He emphasised that the agreement secured the permanence of an open door by establishing a permanent regime, which would effectually prevent any one power from being predominant. Mr. Lloyd George asked who controlled the port and Mr. McNeill said that a share of the capital of an international company would be distributed as follows:—France, thirty per cent; Britain and Spain twenty per cent each; the Sherifian Government, the international administration and other countries each ten per cent. Consequently only thirty per cent was in the hands of France (Opposition cries of "no" and "what about the Sherifian Government?").

Replying to Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. McNeill said he was confident that the Commons would be given an opportunity of discussing the agreement if it was desired. Replying to Commander Bellairs, Mr. McNeill was unable to say whether the Committee of Defence approved the Convention before signature. Colonel John Ward declared that the agreement practically handed over the port to France.

"LEVIATHAN'S" REPAIRS.

FRANCE'S WAR DEBTS.

STRONG CRITICISM.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

NEW YORK, January 17.

The "Leviathan" mentioned on December 12, sustained a quarter of a million dollars damage. Repairs are not yet completed.

The Democrat Mr. Caraway caused a sensation in the Senate by accusing Secretary Fall of a betrayal of trust, by leasing oil reserves, and charged him with selling American fuel to speculators, one of whom boasted he was going to make \$100,000,000 as his share of the loot. Senator Borah referred to the French war debt and called attention to the fact that France, while unwilling to come to a settlement with the United States, was lending large sums to European governments. Senator Borah characterised France as the greatest military power in Europe that was ever known and declared that American tax payers were meeting the cost of her army of 730,000 men as surely as if it was their own. Senator Borah read extracts from speeches of French and Italian statesmen and declared "they are preparing their own consciences and the consciences of their people for a repudiation of their debt." He acquitted the Italians and French peoples as a whole of entertaining such a proposition yet—Reuter's American Service.

MEXICAN-MELEÉ.

AMERICAN MONEY FOR OREGON.

MEXICO CITY, January 16.

The American charge d'affaires has obtained from President Obregon the Government's permission for two United States warships to visit Vera Cruz and Tuxpan. The United States Cruiser "Tacoma" is now en route to Vera Cruz.

It is reported that representatives of three American banks are en route to Mexico City to negotiate a loan of 25 million pesos to the Obregon Government.

"TACOMA" AGROUND.

GALVESTON, January 16.

The cruiser "Tacoma" from Vera Cruz, aground on the Bantaulas Reef, sixteen miles from Vera Cruz, has wireless to the American Consul at Vera Cruz that unless two strong tugs arrive within two hours it may be too late to pull off the warship.

LATER.
The United States light cruiser "Richmond" is standing by the "Tacoma" and the government is sending naval tugs.—Reuter's American Service.

SEEING THINGS.

CHINESE INDUSTRIAL MISSION.

LONDON, January 17.

The Chinese Industrial Mission visited the headquarters of the Bradford Dyers' Association and inspected samples of dyed woolen, cotton and artificial silk goods suitable for the Far Eastern trade. Subsequently the Mission attended a conference with the Council of the Bradford Chamber of Commerce and 50 members specially interested in the Chinese trade. The subjects of trade marks and Chinese inland transport, and the reduction in weight for sample postage, were raised and the missionaries promised to bring these matters before the government on their return. The Mission and prominent Bradford business men lunched with the Lord Mayor and later visited the Saltire Mills and met the Wool and Allied Trades Industrial Council.

GERMAN SEAMEN'S STRIKE.

LONDON CONFERENCE TURNED DOWN.

LONDON, January 16.

Replying to the proposal that a conference of German shipowners and the striking German seamen should be held in London under the auspices of the British National Sailors' and Firemen's Union, the German shipowners declare that discussion with British Unions about German wages is completely out of the question. If British and German wages are to be compared, account must be taken of the total difference in the situation of the United Kingdom and Germany. Since January 11, German seamen's wages have been fully paid in gold currency based on the dollar and therefore independent of all currency fluctuations.

RHINELAND SEPARATIST MOVEMENT.

BRITISH INVESTIGATOR BUSY.

MANNHEIM, January 16.

In the course of conversations between Mr. Clive, who is investigating the separatist movement on behalf of the British Government, and representatives of all the political parties of the Palatinate, also the heads of the Catholic and Evangelical churches, it was asserted that it is only by the protection of General Demetz, and the French district authorities that the Separatists are able to occupy the Palatinate. The delegates handed Mr. Clive a manifesto declaring that the Palatinate would never submit to the despotism of the so-called Separatist Government.

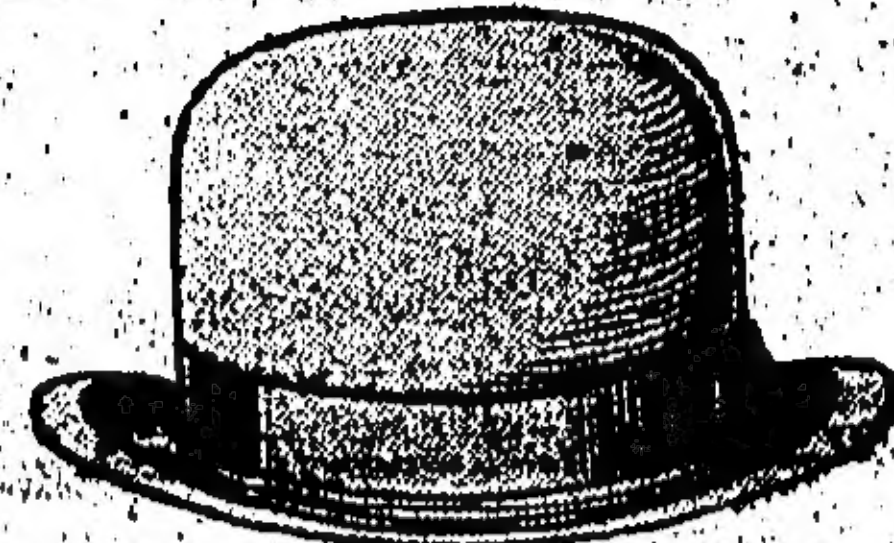
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£10,000,000 LOAN MOOTED.

LONDON, January 16.

A sub-committee of the League of Nations including Belgium and Benes met privately at St. James's Palace to consider the proposed international loan of ten millions sterling to Hungary. It is understood that M. Clausel, the French representative, urges that the loan should be for a shorter period than the twenty years originally planned and Lord Robert Cecil, the British representative, opposed this. (Other news cables will be found on page 5.)

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THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from **Saturday 19th January to Friday 1st February 1924**, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 8th, 1924.

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The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from **FRIDAY, 18th January to MONDAY, 28th January**, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
L. S. GREENHILL,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 11th January, 1924.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING** of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., on **MONDAY, 28th JANUARY, 1924**, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1923.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from **FRIDAY, 18th January to MONDAY, 28th January**, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
L. S. GREENHILL,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 11th January, 1924.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from **MONDAY, 21st January to SATURDAY, 2nd February 1924**, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
KAN TONG FO,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 15th January, 1924.

INTIMATIONS.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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Hongkong, 3rd January, 1924.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT PROGRAMME OF 1924 RACE MEETING.

THE attention of Owners is called to an alteration in the conditions of the eighth race on the first day, the Chater Cup.

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By Order
C. B. BROWN,
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Hongkong, 9th January, 1924.

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HOME POLITICS.

LONDON, January 15.—The moderation and the essentially Liberal complexion of the speech from the Throne has done nothing to modify the tacit Liberal-Labour agreement to eject the Government.

A number of back bench Liberals have lodged a separate amendment mentioning unemployment, protection and the Government, international and domestic policy. This amendment, however, is not likely to be reached.

Conservative commentators are now resigned to the inevitable. Even the former campaign in favour of Liberal-Conservative co-operation has now flickered out.

The Labour organ expresses impatience at the large number of Liberals who insist on talking on the amendment, thus delaying Mr. MacDonald's advent, but the Liberal newspapers unanimously condemn the Labour amendment, as a suitable instrument for inflicting the quietus on Mr. Baldwin.

They dwell on the potentialities of a long life for a Labour Government, provided national welfare is not subordinated to tactical niceties.

There is a suggestion of mutiny in the ranks of Labour in a separate amendment moved by five Clyde Labour members referring to "millions of workers on the verge of starvation."

Lobby correspondents unanimously forecast a Government defeat on January 21, and the announcement of a Labour Ministry on January 22 followed by an adjournment for several weeks, to enable the Cabinet to pick up the threads.

RAILWAYMEN TO STRIKE.

LONDON, January 15.—Mr. J. H. Thomas, in a statement yesterday, emphasized the obligation of members of the Northern Union Railway to remain at work in the event of a strike.

He said that he stood by his signature to the award of the National Wages Board, which the Union endorsed. He expected the Union to honour its endorsement regardless of consequences; but the Society of Locomotive Engineers, in a manifesto issued last night, says the official date and time for cessation of work has been sent to all branches, in order to secure a simultaneous stopping throughout the country. The manifesto exhorts members to strike at the appointed hour.

TANGIER QUESTION.

PARIS, January 15.—France has declined the Spanish request to modify the Tangier Convention, but is willing to consider the granting of concessions elsewhere in Morocco.

"TZE SUI" PIRACY.

ICHANG, January 14.—The steamer "Tze Sui" returned to port, the River Inspector navigating.

The information gathered indicates that the pirates, who numbered under 30, were probably passengers from Wanshan, but a few joined when the ship anchored.

Apparently, it was a case of piracy for the Captain was first dealt with from fear of resistance. Two pirates hauled him from his room and murdered him, firing three shots.

The comrades lost about \$2,000. The passengers were looted in money and clothing to the extent of about \$20,000.

The pirates proceeded ashore with 17 bags of loot and then disappeared.

The steamer anchored opposite the shore at Kaichienchen, so that those on board were unable to call for help.

The Dollar Company has now ordered the steamers "Kweimen" and "Tze Sui" to Shanghai, as they are withdrawing from the run.

Capt. Brandt's body is on board the "Tze Sui."

An official telegram from Ichang states that, as far as can be ascertained, the "Tze Sui" did not carry any arms or ammunition when the vessel was raided by pirates above Wanshan.—Courtesy, Daily Bulletin.

PEKING, January 15.

Describing herself as 34, fair, gentle, bright, and of a lovable disposition, a Scarborough widow has written to the Lord Mayor of Hull asking him to assist her in getting a husband. Adding that she is a good cook, she laments the tendency of modern young men to marry girls who dance rather than those who can make them comfortable.

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MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

Basil Kolaroff, reputed leader of the recent unsuccessful revolution in Bulgaria, has arrived in Moscow.

Charged with being in unauthorized possession of cocaine, Jack Kelson, 21, a negro seaman, was remanded at Bow-street.

Playing for Woodham, Working junior club, against Egham, Hythe, Henry Stimpson, a Woking youth, collapsed on the field and died.

Mr. Charles Edwin Musgrave, secretary of the London Chamber of Commerce since 1909, has died in a London nursing home, aged 62.

The New Zealand Government, which has taken control of the Ross Dependency, in British Antarctic territory, is to issue licences for the whale and seal fishing.

Abd el Krim, leader of the Moorish rebels against Spain, declares: "We will fight to defend our Riff country to the last drop of blood."

A hundred guests who attended two marriage banquets at a restaurant outside Madrid have been arrested, presumably by spies. Two are in a serious condition.

Sir Auckland Geddes, the British Ambassador to Washington, who has been resting at Wimbledon, was stated to have completely recovered the use of one eye.

Sir Samuel Hoare, the Air Minister, accompanied by his wife and two secretaries, left Croydon by air for the International Air Exhibition at Gothenburg, Sweden.

Work has been begun in the laying of pneumatic tubes from the Prime Minister's residence and most of the Government offices direct to the General Post Office in St. Martin's-le-Grand.

Thomas Brooks, a dealer, sent to prison for three months at Brighton for pocket-picking on the race course, was stated to have been 39 times previously convicted for similar offences.

When working in a boiler at Messrs. Hollins' works, Pleasley Vale, near Mansfield, Nottingham, Charles Keeling, of Cobden-street, Birkenhead, touched a live wire and was electrocuted.

For shooting his father-in-law, Frederick Southfield, at Petham, near Canterbury, on November 6, Francis Hector Naylor, 28, an engineer and Army ex-officer, was sentenced to death at Kent Assizes.

At the last day's shooting of the Woodmen of Arden on their archery ground at Meriden, Warwickshire, the silver bugle was won by Brig.-Gen. Westmacott and the bowl given by the Scottish archers by the Rev. A. E. Bedford.

A record crowd attended the Vale of Llangollen sheep dog trials, at Vivod Park, near Llangollen, Denbighshire, under the patronage of Queen Alexandra, the most challenging cup being taken by Moss, belonging to Mr. T. Roberts, of Bryneglwys.

The British airmen, Mr. Alan Cobham, piloting a de Havilland machine was one of the first three competitors, the others being a German and a Norwegian, to go through the first stages of the continental flying contest at the Gothenburg (Sweden) Exhibition without loss of marks.

At the inquest on Flying Officer Robin Jacques, of the 100th R.A.F. Squadron, at Spittlegate, Grantham, Lincolnshire, who was killed in an aeroplane crash at the aerodrome, it was stated that when 1,000 ft. up the machine seemed to turn to the left and then came down in a vertical dive. Accidental Death was the verdict.

The new Australian government is about to adopt a policy of taking over private estates under compulsion, if necessary, to facilitate the establishment of temporary training farms for immigrants. New arrivals will be allotted holdings of this land, and the immigration of boys to Australia is to be particularly encouraged.

Dismantling of the forts along the Mexican border, as a means of binding the United States and Mexico "in close and enduring relations of peace, co-operation and good will," was proposed by Dr. Wilbur P. Thirkield, resident Methodist Episcopal bishop at Mexico City, in conference with President Coolidge.

Increases in wages approximating \$200,000 a year, and affecting approximately 2,500 employees, have been asked by the Order of Sleeping Car Conductors, in Chicago in a hearing before the Railroad Labour Board. The increases would restore wages paid by the Pullman Company, previous to July 1, 1921. The order also seeks new working conditions.

Princess Mary opened Harlesden peace memorial hall.

Drury Lane Theatre's profit for the year is over £30,000.

Liverpool panel doctors will strike rather than accept reduced fees.

Stepney is to go ahead with the scheme for a new £200,000 town hall.

Thieves broke into St. Barnabas Church, Beckenham, and stole the week's offertories.

Mr. Lloyd George's book, "Is It Peace?" is now running well into a second large edition.

Mr. Samuel Compers has been re-elected president of the American Federation of Labour.

The Health Ministry has refused permission for another Jewish burial ground at Edmonton.

Lady Alexander, whose arm was broken by a fall at her London residence, is now a little better.

No fewer than 73,500 people live in L.C.C. buildings, more than the population of Bath or Lincoln.

East Lancashire fish-and-chip merchants are giving away German mark notes with every purchase.

The present to a Chalfont (Bucks) bride from her father was a piece of land on which to build a bungalow.

The first Masonic service in a synagogue in England took place at Brondesbury Synagogue, London, in aid of Jewish and Masonic charities.

During the absence in Poland of Commander Hilton Young, M.P., Sir William Edgars, M.P., is carrying on the duties of Chief Whip of the National Liberal party.

Mr. William Cooper, coxswain of Ramsgate lifeboat, has completed 50 years' service as a member of the crew and has helped to save nearly 1,000 lives.

Removing scaffolding in a new pit shaft at Longhirst, Northumberland, Frederick Ross, an engine wright, fell 50 fathoms into ten feet of water. He was dead when rescued.

Mr. Arthur Herbert Curnick, of Messrs. Curnick and Co., of High Street, Marylebone, Army meat contractors, has left £143,332. He gives one year's wages to each servant with five years' service.</

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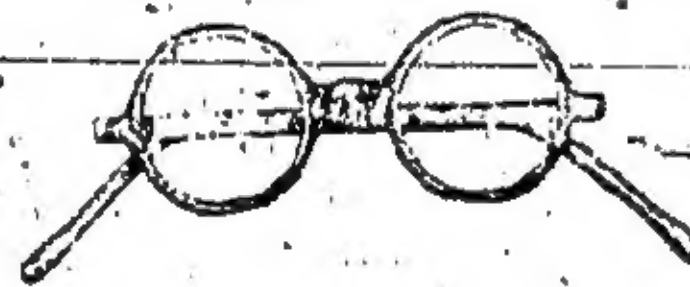
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HONGKONG THURSDAY, JAN. 17, 1924.

BRAVE WORDS!

It seems more than a matter of coincidence that the news of the opening of Parliament, with the reading of the King's speech and the debate thereon, and the farewell speech made by the Australian Premier, should be culled at the same time. It is interesting to observe merely to prove that progress is no unsettled thing that Mr. Bruce had half a million silent listeners, his speech being broadcasted. A half a million people therefore have had his words at first hand which is probably more than would have read his speech in the papers in view of the more exciting and spectacular incidents connected with the opening of Parliament. We may leave the latter for the time being. The opening of the present session is indeed momentous—momentous not so much for the Empire we are inclined to think, seeing that all three parties seem agreed on certain fundamentals of policy, but for the parties who seek to wield the wand of office.

The Australian Premier speaks as a looker-on—and lookers-on we are told see more of things than those engaged in making them. Mr. Bruce represents an integral part of the British Empire whose people

represent an interesting study of independence and thought and outlook: a people who, exceedingly democratic, have eloquent views and an ability to express them. Much has been heard of Australia and the Australians; but much remains to be heard. She has her own problems and one is that referred to by Lord Leverhulme the other day when he candidly stated his view regarding the importation of coloured labour to develop the northern, and tropical district of the Commonwealth. That is another thorny, and difficult problem needing the pen and the mind of an expert. Visitors to Australia know only too well that spirit which seems to brook no interference with the determination to keep Australia "White."

But Mr. Bruce's speech does not bear on this particular matter. He, so it seems to us, is taking the bird's-eye, or broad view of things, and his remarks are not without portent or warning, for his is that type of mind which although it is essentially English, is, shall we say, desperately Australian? This is no frothy demagogue who is speaking, but a man who considers and dresses his language, as he is known to dress his own person—with care and taste and fine feeling. His belief in the adequacy of the League of Nations as a world-saviour is not a mere youthful idealism. The peace of the world and the reduction of its armaments is not to be promoted by Britain

alone discerning, and his advice, implied, is that to solve these and the other problems which hinge upon it, Great Britain's grave problems in Europe would only be solvable if she unwaveringly and unhesitatingly follows a strong and definite policy. That is not merely an obvious statement of fact. It is that of course, but again it is the considered opinion of someone who, if he is a looker-on is able to see the trend of events following on an apparent weakness of Foreign policy, but is anxious that the Dominions, who took their part so nobly in the events which commenced in 1914, should also take their part and shoulder their obligations in matters of Foreign policy which often has a direct bearing on the fortunes of those spots of Empire so full still of potentialities for good, for trade expansion, and for the cementing of true and patriotic feeling, which the mother country is endangering by fostering a feeling of aloofness. United we stand, divided we fall is an old maxim, but like most old sayings it is very true. No one we believe has a desire to see the Empire broken up into separate states or Nations, but rather that the links binding the Empire should remain firm and steadfast. This farwell speech rings true. It should have a steady influence on those at Westminster—some too flushed with a fleeting success to take due heed. Great Empires and little minds go ill together. We shall see.

Dogs.

Someone has said that the more they see of men the better they like dogs. We hope this does not apply to our women-folk here, but if the number of dogs they keep is any criterion; and the way they carry on about them, we reluctantly come to the conclusion that it does. The stranger in our midst has certain matters forced to his attention. He is probably struck by the smells which greet his nostrils; or the way certain Government Department go about their work. But sooner or later he is forced to notice that dogs come in for a great deal of attention denied to less fortunate humans of the two-legged type. They (the dogs) are fed and petted, washed and cleansed and allowed liberties undreamt of. Women crouch over them, wash them even, and we have even seen them take away from their bodies things called "licks." We yield to no one in our admiration of the dog—as an animal; as a faithful friend, even if he remains silent when burglars ransack our homes; but we respectfully suggest that the dog should be kept in his proper place which is not under a dining-room table, whilst his bodily cleanliness might well be left in the hands of servants.

CHARIVARIA. All these limited companies seem to be capital ideas.

The P.W.D. have certainly bridged the bottom of Wyndham Street but they haven't abridged the smells!

The present to a bride at a recent wedding was a piece of land from her father. This was not in Hongkong.

It is announced that the authorities of the Royal Mint are arranging a special display at the British Empire Exhibition next year. Have our Brokers heard of this?

Words are like medicine. Their effect depends on how they are taken.

Everything comes to those who wait and those who go too fast get everything that's coming to them.

Old folk say they don't know what young people are coming to. They are coming to the age when they won't know what young people are coming to.

We are informed that the Salvation Army is purchasing Ford Cars. Presumably to shake the devil out of people.

Some boat passengers are given a very wide berth.

Sadie Isaac, a blind girl of Bethnal Green, has overcome her appalling handicap and

obtained her Honours B.A. Degree (London) in English and History. With the help of Braille books, Sadie has been able to study on equal terms with sighted girls, and her wonderful perseverance has been rewarded. What courage!

What spirit!

Low blouses are proof of their rude health. She who peroxide her hair tries to keep it dark. Some housewives make ducks and drakes of their money at Christmas.

Here follow more pearls of speech attributed to the late Queen—

QUEEN ELIZABETH. When the Commons asked for Liberty of Speech, she said:

Liberty of speech is granted to the Commons, but they must know what liberty they are entitled to; not a liberty for everyone to speak what he listeth, or what cometh in his brain to utter; their privilege extends no further than a liberty of Aye or no.

To all Kings Queen Elizabeth spoke with extreme directness. "I am more afraid of making a fault in my Latin than of the Kings of Spain, France, Scotland, the whole House of Guise, and all of their confederates," said Elizabeth to the Archbishop of St. Andrew's.

Here are some quite fearless letters:

The King of France is bursting with rage, and I do not want to make him burst any more," said Elizabeth to the Spanish Ambassador. (1559).

I am not afraid of a King of Spain who has been up to the age of twelve learning his alphabet," said Elizabeth to the French Ambassador, of Philip III, then 23.

A man in love spends his lonely moments devising pretty speeches to warble to his amours and when with her passes the time in either being downright dumb or else in wrangling with her.

The Path of Man-Japanese. Kind is like water and men like fish.

When fish are in water they live, but taken away from it they die.

As a man who does not suffer from headache forgets his forehead and a man who does not suffer from toothache forgets his teeth, so an upright man thinks not of himself.

If you believe a thing believe it wholeheartedly. If you deny it, deny it absolutely. Half believing and half disbelieving is not the way to get on in the world.

There was a PLAIN TEEDLE, young man named Teedle.

Who wouldn't accept his degree? He said, "It's enough to be Teedle."

Without being Teedle D. D."

Looking in at the MISSING. Seamen's Institute on Praya East the other evening we noticed a thing which roused our interest and our sympathy.

"On the notice board is an announcement signed by the Superintendent which gives the names of seamen who are reported as missing. Just missing. They have vanished seemingly and not a word has been heard of or from them. Full descriptions are given and information solicited. What stories might be written about each of those whose names appear on this notice. These names might very well be published in the local press—for the press reaches far and wide, as is evidenced by the letters we receive from distant parts—the latest, strangely enough dealing with the name of a missing man about whose sad end we happened to have a paragraph.

Teacher—"Johnny, ALL MADE, what are the two genders?"

Johnny—"Masculine and feminine. The masculines are divided into temperate and intemperate and the feminine into frigid and torrid."

To-day's Poems. (Good and Clever.)

If all the good people were clever, And all the clever people were good, The world would be nicer than ever.

We thought that it possibly could, But somehow, 'tis seldom or never. 'The two hit it off as they should.

The good are so hard to the clever, The clever so rude to the good! So, friends, let it be our endeavour To make each by each understood.

For few can be good like the clever, Or clever, so well as the good. —ELIZABETH WORDSWORTH.

WEATHER CALENDAR. JANUARY 17.

1614. The 17. of January, 1614, began a great frost, with

extreme snow, which continued until the 14. of February.

And about the violence of the frost and snow some days shaked, yet it continued freezing and snowing much or little until the 7. of March, whereby much cattle perished, as well old as young.

Slow.

1768. We have had most dreadful frost and snow, but they lasted not quite three weeks. Yet, though the weather is quite warm, and it has rained several times, there are oppositional lumps of ice lying about the streets, that can not be prevailed upon to melt, and take their places in the kenel.—Walpole.

KEEPING IN LOVE.

Falling in love and winning love are often difficult tasks to overbear, and rebellious spirits; but to keep in love is also a business of some importance, to which both man and wife must bring kindness and goodwill.

The true love-story commences at the altar, when there lies before the married pair a most beautiful contest of wisdom and generosity, and a life-long struggle towards an unattainable ideal. Unattainable? Aye, surely unattainable, from the very fact that they are two instead of one. —BRUVENSON.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

January 17.—Coronet Theatre; "The Birth of a Nation."

January 17.—Star Theatre; "What Every Woman Knows."

January 17.—World Theatre; "So Long Letty."

SOCIAL.

January 10.—Smoking Concert at Esma Club, 17 Queen's Road, 9 p.m.

January 24.—Fancy Dress Ball at Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

January 28.—Twenty-third ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd., at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co., Ltd., 11 a.m.

January 28.—Thirty-sixth ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices 11.15 a.m.

February 1.—One-hundred-and-fourth ordinary meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong-Canton and Macao Steamboat Co. Ltd., at the Offices of the Company, Noon.

February 2.—Fifth ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders of the Bank of East Asia, Ltd., at the registered office of the Company, No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, 3 p.m.

OTHER MEETINGS.

January 22.—Diocesan Boys' School Annual Speech Day from 3.30 to 5 p.m.

FLOWER SHOW.

March 6.—Hongkong Horticultural Society's annual flower and vegetable show.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Lighting up time to-day is at 6.01 p.m.

A strike of soy factory workers in Hongkong is reported.

Flour, rice and sugar quotations will be found under Commercial Notes.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Golf Club is to be held on Monday the 28th.

The Health Department at Canton is advising the people to get vaccinated. Small-pox is very prevalent in Canton.

A strike of workers in the rice trade at Canton is threatened, and people are laying in stocks in case the strike eventuates.

The Canadian Pacific Coy. send the China Mail an exceedingly attractive brochure dealing with their famous steamers and the ports visited.

In spite of the troubles at Shekwan and the stoppage of the Canton-Samshui Railway, Fatshan is as peaceful as ever, though communication with this city is "somewhat interrupted."

From Stanley comes the report that two Chinese women were held up by foot-pads who relieved them of some jewellery. These progressive Dick Turpins were somewhat behind the times as they only carried bamboo poles.

After satisfying the police authorities that he was the owner of the \$3,000, which was picked up on New Year's Day by a Chinese boy who handed it over to the police, a Chinese who has returned from Canada, has been handed back the sum. His statement was that he dropped the sum in Des Voeux Road West while shopping.

It is stated that he gave \$500 as a reward to the boy and \$300 to the boy's master for being instrumental in turning the money over to the police.

"HERE COME'S THE BRIDE!"

VOLUNTEER EXPLOIT.

The finest story heard in Hongkong for some months is being whispered round the clubs and is creating convulsive fits of laughter. It is so rich and added to its vim is its truth—that if we were to let it die without seeing the light of publicity we should hardly be doing justice to our readers. It concerns a certain enthusiastic Volunteer whose name for obvious reasons we shall keep dark for we are sure he can enjoy a joke and does not mind other people sharing it so long as the matter ends there.

This young man was due in camp on Friday night and being well prepared for a rigorous week-end stepped into the Kowloon train fully equipped. His enthusiasm apparently had run away with him at dinner and the wine had been good. No sooner had he sunk back into the comfortable cushions of the compartment than he felt drowsy, nodded his head and left this world for Dreamland.

He woke up at the train terminus some miles beyond his destination. Rousing himself, he left the station and wandered aimlessly towards Chinese territory, arriving at the sentry post and receiving a challenge. Being a discreet guard, the sentry called an interpreter. After fraternal greetings had been exchanged, the interpreter was made to understand that the Volunteer had got lost and would be much obliged if he could hire a conveyance to take him to his camp. The interpreter said he would have to take the young man to see the Commanding Officer. This gentleman proved very accommodating and realising the plight of the foreigner ordered out a squad of coolies and a chair. And so the Volunteer was carried back to camp in state, eight coolies heralding his approach.

But this is not the end of the story. The chair in which the honoured Volunteer was escorted was the bride's chair. Whether or not his colleagues hailed him with that famous wedding song: "Here comes the Bride" we are not in a position to say, but we do know that they have been laughing ever since.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

T. T. exchange on London is 2/4; on Shanghai 71.

Eight fresh cases of smallpox were reported yesterday.

Messrs. J. D. Hutchison & Co., send the China Mail two copies of a very artistic Chinese Calendar which serve to advertise the products of Messrs. W. and R. Jacob, of Dublin, for whom Messrs. Hutchison & Co. act as Agents.

Several steam launch cunswains were hailed before the acting Marine Magistrate (Lieut. Commander Conway Hake R.N.R. to-day for contravening the harbour regulations. The master of the "Kwai Po" was fined \$10 for failing to stop when called upon by the police and the masters of the "Chung Wo" and "Hee Lee" were fined respectively \$10 and \$20 for failing to observe the rule of the road. Nineteen boat-people were fined for lying inshore during prohibited hours.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Lady Stubbs distributed the prizes at the Victoria Home and Ophanage yesterday.

Lady Stubbs is to open the St. Stephen's Girls' College new building on Friday the 25th inst. at 3.30 p.m.

Mrs. N. L. Smith, Mr. R. Farrant, and Mr. Leonard Yates, are passengers on the outgoing President Madison.

Mr. G. P. de Martin, A.B.E., A.B., will present the prizes to the successful students of Sacred Heart School on the 26th inst. (Saturday) at 3 p.m.

THIS WORLD OF OURS.

This world of ours is a mighty sieve That sifts the grains of glory from the chaff That they might live To germinate for future generation's pleasure.

Innumerable millions have passed through This world's severe and impartial scrutiny And yet how few Have come within its thrifty seizure.

How few the Homers, Kants and Dantis, Beethovens, Kalidassas and Tagores, Confucuses and Shakespeares; yet diligent In myriads leave these shores, And millions reappear.

And, giddy-pated, drag from year to year Their busily-idle lives, For evermore.

"ZAME."

CORRESPONDENCE.

MURDER TRIAL.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir—I must request that you correct an erroneous reporting in your description of the trial for murder Rex v. Ip Pak, given in your issue of yesterday's date. The passage to which I take exception is as follows:—

"Mr. Brewster addressed the jury, like that of the chain coolies the deceased's husband's testimony was unsatisfactory on many points."

This statement is untrue in substance and in fact. Mr. Chow Lo was throughout the trial accepted and referred to by me as a reliable witness of unquestioned probity.

I conceive it the more necessary to correct your statement because in the course of this address I deemed it requisite to criticise certain evidence very severely, using strong terms to express my disapprobation of both the evidence and the utterer. These criticisms were definite and were clearly not directed against Mr. Chow Lo.

I have a complete record of every thing said by me on this occasion and the only remark in the least adverse to the deceased's husband, was:—

"There is only one unsatisfactory point in the whole of Chow Lo's evidence and that is a minor detail—it is in regard to the shoes found with the revolver."

This presumably is the basis for your statement, but I unhesitatingly contend that your version is not a fair rendering thereof.

Yours, etc., N. STONE BREWSTER, Hongkong, January 17.

RENTS PUZZLE.

A LEGAL POSER.

"I find this Ordinance very difficult, as I think the judges do at Home," said Mr. Justice Gompertz at the Summary Court to-day in announcing his intention to deliver a written judgment in a case under the Rents Ordinance in which one or two rather knotty points had cropped up.

It was a claim by the landlord for the possession of the ground floor of No. 2 Tai Yuen Street which had been let to a firm of rattan dealers on a monthly tenancy at \$55 a month. Mr. C. A. S. Russ, appearing to support the claim, explained that there was two months' rent owing, when the writ was issued. There was a similar amount owing when notice to quit was given and this was only paid after the notice to quit and a threatening letter. Mr. Russ claimed that as the notice to quit did not expire until January 2, 1924, the acceptance of any rent for any period before January, 1924, did not constitute a waiver.

Mr. Justice Gompertz: Suppose your tenant's agreement was not to keep white mice and he did keep them and you give him notice to quit and you accepted rent. I should think that that would be a waiver. However, the statutory tenancy might come in.

Mr. Russ said the plaintiff's position was that he had properly terminated the defendant's monthly tenancy by a notice to quit and his claim for possession was based on common law. The defendant, however, claimed protection under the Rents Ordinance. The plaintiff's reply to that was that the defendant had failed to pay rent and there was still rent owing.

His Honour said he would reserve judgment and give a written decision as there were a number of difficult points about the case.

Would You?

Miss Rebecca West, on her first morning in America, experienced the rather mixed sensation of being interviewed before she was out of bed! "Miss West," queried the imperturbable young reporter, "would you marry an American?" "I had admit," says Miss West, "that I wouldn't marry an American or any other man at nine o'clock in the morning!"

AIRSHIP ACCIDENT.

DIRIGIBLE "ABSCONDS."

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

NEW JERSEY, January 17.

The naval dirigible "Shenandoah" which was earmarked for the naval expedition to the north Pole in the summer, broke away from its mooring mast in the course of a gale, with a crew of thirty. While undergoing a test apparently the "Shenandoah" was damaged for fragments of the outer rigging fluttered to the ground. The wind was blowing at 45 miles per hour. Efforts to reach the "Shenandoah" by wireless were fruitless. The storm broke out early in the afternoon. Captain McCarty, who was aboard when the vessel broke away was confident she would hold. Officials believe the airship will be carried to Canada. Officers point out that there is no danger from explosion as the airship is filled with helium. The dirigible was last seen drifting northwestwards in heavy wind and rain.

Reuter's American Service.

The "Shenandoah" passed New Jersey at a considerable speed, flying low, the engines roaring, and the crew apparently trying to turn the airship against the wind.

The Captain of the "Shenandoah" has wireless "All O. K., will outride storm, holding our own."

Reuter's American Service.

HOME LABOUR TROUBLES.

DOCKERS DEMAND INCREASE.

LONDON, January 16. At the close of the conference between port employers and the Transport Workers Union on the latter's claim for an increase of dockers' wages throughout the country by two shillings a day, it was announced that the employers informed the Union that they were unable in the present condition of trade to concede any increase of wages. The Union is reporting the matter to its delegate at the conference.

In view of the determination of the Society of Locomotive Engineers to strike, importance is attached to an unexpected visit to their headquarters to-day by the Arthur Henderson, secretary of the Labour Party, which is believed to be connected with efforts at mediation.

JAPAN'S EARTHQUAKE.

30 VICTIMS IN TOKYO.

SHANGHAI, January 17. Reports coming in from Tokyo show that the earthquake situation is practically the same as outlined in Reuter's despatches of January 15. The general nervousness throughout Tokyo during the night was due to wide and wild rumours but while there were a few mild tremors, nothing worthy of note occurred since 6 a.m. on Tuesday. The death toll is about thirty, all Japanese. There were no notable victims. All communications are restored though there is considerable delay in telegrams.

IN BRIEF.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

CABLES.

A £10,000,000 loan to Hungary is mooted.

Home dockers are demanding an increase in wages.

The repairs to the "Leviathan" will cost \$1,250,000.

The Tangier Treaty has been explained to the House of Commons.

The Government's Foreign policy has been vigorously defended in the Commons.

France's attitude towards her war debts has been strongly criticised in the American Senate.

Mrs. Norman Brown Cave, wife of a British Mining Engineer, has been killed by a stray bullet during fighting at Tapachula.

Sterling on New York rallied yesterday to 4/26 1/2. France was quoted—French 9/105 and Belgian 101. This was due to the contemplated French Government financial reforms.

President Coolidge has nominated Mr. Edward N. Hurley for the Democratic vacancy on the Debt-Reduction Commission. The President has sent to Congress an argument for funding the Finnish war debt to the United States on \$500,000. Payments have already begun.

HOCKEY.

CLUB DEFEATED.

The Submarines managed to secure rather a lucky victory from the Club yesterday at the U.S.E.C. Kowloon. The match started off at a good pace and this was kept up right through. The Subs opened the scoring. Slade who was playing left wing put in a good shot. Hamilton saved with his foot and the ball rose, and went through the goal. This gave the Subs the lead which they kept till half time.

The second half started off well for the Club who seemed to be all over their opponents, and it was not unexpected when they scored. Mitchell put in a fine shot which the goalie saved but the ball instead of going out stuck behind his heel. He did not notice this for a moment and the Club from a scrimmage which followed scored. Woodward putting the ball through. Way evened up somewhat after this but from a good break away the Subs regained scored by a lovely shot from Slade, who was playing a fine game.

The Club, although they tried hard, were unable to equalise before time.

The game was very ably refereed.

STICKS.

The first defeat was not altogether unexpected when the team lined up without Miller and More and only the men at the start. Sim having to play forward rather broke up the halves. The Club did not get going well, there being too much individual play and not enough combination. It was also unfortunate that Meacock "croaked up" slightly in the first half and Woodward losing a boot helped to make matters worse. One player did not arrive until 5.30, business must be pressing, better late than never though!

For the Club, the outstanding players were Hett, Mitchell and Woodward, while Slade played a fine game for the Submarines.

We learn with regret that Shanghai will not be able to come down for an Interport game this year.

CLUB 2ND. V. EAST SURREYS.

The "Tamar" unfortunately failed the Club at the last moment and a team from the East Surreys filled the gap. After a very scrappy game in which both sides were playing short the East Surreys won by four goals to two.

The first half, the Club did well from a centre dash Garrod assisted by Beecher scoring. This was followed up by a good effort by Lyon who had hard luck, his shot hitting the goal post and branching out. Half time, the Club led one to nil.

Early in the second half the Club added to their lead, Price obtaining a good goal. The East Surreys now got going and scored twice in quick succession through Davis and Bird and continuing well added two more before the end, Edwards doing the scoring.

REAL ESTATE.

ANOTHER NEW COMPANY.

Development of land and building sites in the Colony and near-by territories will be undertaken by the Hongkong and Territorial Estates, Ltd., a new company just incorporated and registered. According to Messrs. Shewan Tomes & Co., general managers, the first issue of shares for \$1,000,000 has been much oversubscribed and applications have been curtailed when the allotment was made. The registered capital is \$5,000,000 and other particulars regarding the company are:—

Bankers—The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

Auditors—Messrs. Percy Smith, Gell and Fleming and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews.

MAILS FOR EUROPE.

VIA SIBERIA.

A regular weekly express train service across Siberia having now been re-established with a train leaving Harbin every Friday, mails for Europe by this route are closed by the Shanghai Post Office every Monday, and those for London take between 18 and 21 days in transit.

Mails from Hongkong to London should thus reach their destination in not more than 25 days.

In future therefore the Hongkong Post Office will forward to Shanghai for onward transmission all ordinary letters and postcards for Europe which are specially superscribed "Via Siberia." Registered articles so marked will also be forwarded but at sender's risk.

Such correspondence should be posted here on Monday or Tuesday in order that it may reach Shanghai by the following Sunday. Correspondence posted later in the week will probably reach its destination quicker via Suez.

COAL PILFERAGE.

P. AND O. VICTIMS.

BAIL "JUMPED."

What has proved to be the first big successful attempt to cope with the turbulent question of coal pilferage in Hongkong—a question which has occupied the attention of shipping, firms and coal merchants for years—has resulted in a police prosecution in which a definite stage was arrived at this morning.

On behalf of Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., agents here for the P. and O. Co., Mr. T. G. Bennett was present in Mr. G. N. Orme's court to prosecute a Chinese on a charge of receiving 60 tons of coal, knowing it to have been stolen from the company. Mr. P. G. Vaux appeared for the defence. Defendant had been released on \$5,000 bail and when his name was called this morning, he was absent. His Worship accordingly made an order for his bail to be estreated and announced that a warrant for his arrest would be issued.

Mr. Bennett asked leave to make an additional charge in respect of another lot of about 200 tons, for which he applied for an order from the Magistrate for the coal to be returned to the rightful owners.

A long discussion ensued as to the procedure regarding defendant's bail. His Worship agreed with Mr. Bennett that the only course open to him was to estreat bail and if defendant returned the warrant, Mr. Vaux suggested that if the man who stood surety succeeded in bringing defendant back, the fact of his having done so might be taken into consideration when application was made for the amount to be refunded. His Worship pointed out that it would be his duty to consider any such application on its merits.

On inquiry from the police who were instrumental in recovering the coal, the China Mail learns that several other men have absconded in connection with the affair.

On New Year's Eve, a steamer which goes under the Chinese name of "Wong Shek Kung" arrived with a cargo of coal from Hongkong. The police allege that the whole lot was handed over to a firm of contractors trading under the name of Hop Yick who were to supply the coals, lighters, stoves, etc. and store it in the P. & O. godown at Taikoo.

It is further alleged that while in transit in the lighters, about 220 tons were removed and stored in defendant's godown on the vacant ground near the Yau-mat Police Basin. Of this quantity, 60 tons were found in another coal-yard near the Yau-mat ferry wharf.

Both lots were seized by the police on January 9 when the contractor's shop and defendant's shop, Wing Tai, were searched and a quantity of books and documents removed. It is stated that a godownman and the contractor (himself) have absconded in addition to defendant "jumping bail."

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

That she had died from injuries through falling from a bus in motion, is the view of the police concerning a Chinese woman who lived in a match at Lung Chau Cheng, New Territories, whose body was found outside another match on the road yesterday.

Sergeant Chevalier prosecuted two old Chinese, with no occupation, before Mr. G. N. Orme this morning on a charge of possession of three revolvers and 300 rounds of flat-nose ammunition, of French make. He alleged that the arms were found on their persons by a detective on the Ts'an Wan Road on Tuesday and was of the opinion that they were smugglers.

"At the rate trees are being cut down there now, there will be no more there in a couple of years," said a Forestry Department man to Mr. J. R. Wood this morning when a Chinese was charged with cutting down pine-trees on the plantation between Chai Wan village and Chai Wan gap. Evidence was given that he had felled three trees and that he had a saw in a fourth. His Worship imposed a fine of \$50 or six weeks' hard labour.

Mr. T. M. Hanlon, Assistant Crown Solicitor, withdrew the charge of manslaughter against nine girls from a Maitland-matched, who were charged, on remand, with causing the death of an alleged trespasser who had tried to steal some clothing. He said that the injuries to deceased's head were consistent with his original story of having fallen over the railway embankment and was of the opinion that at the hour, 4 a.m., it was difficult for deceased to have recognised anybody. His general statement was unsatisfactory, said Mr. Hanlon. Mr. J. R. Wood discharged the girls and said that they were not responsible for deceased's death.

SACKED!

A CANTON BOMBHELL.

Admiral Chan Chak, nominally the Kwangtung River Defence Commissioner and virtually governor of Kongmoon with its hinterland, has been removed from his position according to an order by Dr. Sun Yat-sen which is published in some of today's vernacular papers. Fung Shiu-meng is nominated as successor.

This has come as bombshell in official and semi-official quarters as Chan Chak has been Dr. Sun's most important and staunchest naval adherent since the ousting of the Kwangsi militarists from Canton. After Dr. Sun and General Chan Kwang-ming returned together to Canton, the loyalty of the Northern Cruiser Squadron was suspected. Chan Chak was mainly instrumental in the coup which subdued the cruisers and other larger war vessels in Canton. When the majority of the ships turned over to General Chan in June, 1922, Chan Chak remained with Dr. Sun and assisted in the direction of the bombardment of Canton and the running fight with the Mucuo Fort. He was with Dr. Sun on the "Wing Fung" till his chief left for Shanghai. Prior to Dr. Sun's last return, he took active part in the campaign against General Chan and it was he who established the temporary headquarters at Kongmoon when Dr. Sun's Kwangsi allies, under Shum Hui-ying, turned against him.

Later, Chan Chak sent an expedition to Heungshan to subdue Magistrate Ju Chenk-man who had been removed from his post by Dr. Sun. Defeated, Ju went to Canton, the result of which was an order from Sun to the effect that Chan Chak's troops had to withdraw. The only inference that can be deduced from the latest order is that Ju's influence with Sun, on the strength of his association years before the Revolution, has prevailed.

A well-informed source, however, is of the opinion that Chan Chak will not be relieved of office. It may only be a political move to satisfy other factions subordinate to Sun. Another view expressed is that, although the order has been published, Admiral Chan may have his own views about the post.

Chan Chak's headquarters are at Pak Kai, the port of Kongmoon. He has several thousand troops and mines with him. In his capacity as River Defence Commissioner, he controls about a dozen obsolete river gunboats and a number of armed subsidiary craft.

"THE BIRTH OF A NATION."

LAST SHOWING TO-DAY.

The Coronet announce the last showing of "The Birth of a Nation" for to-day. It will be followed to-morrow by the big special production, "Quincy Adams Sawyer," which contains a cast of notable stars, headed by Blanche Sweet, who makes her return to the screen in an eminently suitable part.

Lon Chaney, called the "man with a thousand faces" has a strong part in the film, also. The story is not in any way sensational, being a very natural narrative of events in a rural community. However, the development of the dramatic interest is so well done, and handled with such sureness, that it makes a compellingly interesting show.

"Quincy Adams Sawyer" has evoked much favourable comment in the big centres, and it is certain that it will be pronounced one more of the Coronet's long list of successes.

THE STAR.

WHAT EVERY WOMAN KNOWS.

The Star, giving a strong answer to those critics who cry for higher-class pictures. This time they are showing "What Every Woman Knows," a film, adapted from the stage play by the brilliant Mr. J. M. Barrie.

It is pleasing to be able to record that the screen version in every way measures up to the stage play. Much of Mr. Barrie's whimsicality is retained, and what may possibly be lost in the absence of spoken words is made up for by the brilliant acting of the principals, whose expressive art is quite out of ordinary.

The programmes to follow at the Kowloon house are especially good, and will help to lighten the impression made by the quality of the shows recently put on.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Kobe on Jan. 16 at 4.30 p.m. left Kobe on Jan. 17 at noon and is due at Yokohama to-morrow at 8 a.m.

The P. & O. S.S. "Glebe" left Shanghai for this port on Jan. 16 at 2.30 a.m. and is due here on Jan. 19 at about 7 a.m.

The A.O.L.S.S. "President McKinley" sailed from Kobe for Shanghai on Jan. 16, three days behind schedule. This steamer, which was due to arrive at Hongkong Jan. 18 is now expected on Jan. 21. She was delayed reaching survivors on the Pacific.

THE NEW B. I. SHIP.

TOUR-OF-INSPECTION YESTERDAY.

The new British-India s.s. "Talmá" on her initial voyage from Calcutta to the Far East, earned many expressions of admiration from the crowd of Chinese and foreigners who toured the boat yesterday while she lay in harbour. The length of the vessel—457 feet—is not realized from a distance away and outwardly she modestly hides the comfort and luxury which are contained on board. With a comfortable smoke-room, music room, light and cool dining room with high backed chairs and neat swivel seats, ample deck space and above all, clean and commodious cabins, nothing more could be desired during a trip on the "Talmá." The smoke-room is reminiscent of Ye Olde Village Inn with its ingenious electric candles, leather covered chairs and cosy corners and big cheerful fireplace.

Members of the Press were entertained to tiffin by the Company and joined in with the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lung in toasting success and good luck to the vessel. Capt. J. R. O'Sullivan, who is the typically genial ship's commander responded with thanks. During the invasion of the boat by hundreds of Chinese, the East Surrey's band dispensed music and added a festive note to the affair.

One noteworthy feature of the s.s. "Talmá" is her motor-boat lifeboat which in case of disaster would be used to tow the other lifeboats and pontoons. The first and second class cabins are situated amidships on the promenade and bridge decks and each is comfortably fitted, light and airy. In the first saloon there are one, two and three berthed cabins, while the second saloon is fitted with three and four berthed cabins.

The "Talmá" is the first of a series of big vessels which are coming to the Far East. She left for Amoy this morning.

GARRISON CRICKET.

YESTERDAY'S GOOD GAME.

Quite a good game of cricket was seen by the handful of spectators who were at the H.K.C.C. ground yesterday when a military team representing the Artillery and Engineers lost to an eleven from the "Rest of the Garrison."

Batting first, the latter made 275, the biggest contributors being Captain Dods with 70, Lieut. Armstrong 64 and Q.M.S. Fritz 49. Captain Walker secured 5 wickets for 30 runs when the "R. A. and R. E." batted. Captain Bensley (36) and Major Hattersley Smith (29) were the best scorers in an innings of 120.

BISHOP POZZONI.

We regret to say that Bishop Pozzoni is confined to his room with heart trouble. About a fortnight ago the Bishop attended a Catholic Press celebration at the Lusitano Club. At the time he felt unwell but bravely carried out his engagement. Despite Doctor's orders, Bishop Pozzoni went about his duties as usual. Towards the end of last week he had another attack and was again ordered by the Doctor to bed. Yesterday the Bishop seemed in his usual state of health, but there was another attack last night and this morning his Lordship's condition was considered to be very grave. None but his medical attendants were allowed in his room this morning.

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COMMERCIAL NOTES.

NAM PAK HONG QUOTATIONS.

One hundred and twenty thousand sacks of flour have arrived for Hongkong by the s.s. "Tyndarus."

This morning's Nam Pak Hong quotations for "spot" goods, basis usual guild terms were as follows:—Java Sugar, average quality, per picul net—No. 24 rough white \$15.40, No. 24 fine white 16.20, No. 18 rough brown 14.60.

Rice, average quality, per picul gross weight for net—No. 1 Siam long white—superior, old crop \$20.00; superior, new crop 8.45; ordinary, old crop 8.60; No. 1 Saigon long white 7.45.

Flour, per sack of 50 lbs.—Dayton \$2.72, Banana 2.70, Mollusc Fairy 2.70, White-Greens 2.80, Kingfisher 2.90, Big Gun 2.92, White Rose 2.88, Melon 2.81.

MANCHESTER COMMENT.

Messrs. Morreau and Spiegelberg, Manchester, report on December 12:—

Cotton.—Quotations have been considerably reduced since our last report and wild fluctuations have taken place. The Bureau crop estimate due to-day is awaited with anxiety, as the price of futures will be fixed accordingly.

Yarns.—In American only a limited turnover is reported at irregular rates. Egyptian are easier with not much trade.

Cloth.—There has been some increase of enquiry. Madras is asking both for Grey Shirtings and Jaconets, and apparently is desirous of fixing up business.

Others such as one hears of for Calcutta, Bombay and Karachi are quite out of the question. For Java Dyed goods are mentioned and Cambrics are offered for sale.

While Fancies are wanted for the Straits. There is a small China demand, and there are offers from Egypt, which are not absolutely hopeless. For the continent one hears of bids for all lots, and these are spoken of also for the Home Trade and the Colonies. A few enquiries have been received for South America, but on the whole the market is quiet.

The drop in the market and the continued speculation and consequent fluctuations in prices have undermined confidence and led to a suspension of demand. A great deal of cotton has been bought and unless to-day's Bureau Report is satisfactory, Manufacturers will lose heavily in Lancashire.

Messrs James F. Hutton & Co., Ltd., Manchester, report on December 5:—

Trading in the cotton markets has been exceptionally active during the past week but the general tone has grown increasingly nervous as prices have advanced. Continued heavy trade purchases of actual cotton both here and in America was chiefly responsible for an advance to a new high record of 21.74d for Fully Middling American current month, at Liverpool on the 29th ult. There is no doubt also that prior to this the speculative element had again freely entered the markets on the bull side, and following the new rise, this has been the main cause of a sharp setback. Trade interest has not abated and there has been very little slackening in the demand for actual cotton, but owing to somewhat increased American crop forecasts, speculators have taken fright and sold freely.

An appreciable break of about 1/4d per lb. from the highest point reached, has resulted from this liquidation. It only proves, however, the danger of a large outside speculative interest such as has developed recently and gives an example of the violent fluctuations it is likely to cause. Ultimately it appears more than likely that prices will advance further yet, for even supposing the American crop approaches 10 million bales, as is now rumored, there will still be a serious shortage of supplies for the season. The present uncertainty is likely to be maintained until the next Bureau glowing returns are issued next week. In the Manchester market a large demand for cloth has again been in evidence. Offers improved somewhat but the rise in the early part of the week very effectively restricted the amount of business which could be arranged. In spite of this, however, quite a fair turnover resulted. The drop in cotton has unfortunately disturbed confidence again and many buyers are awaiting further developments. That a fairly substantial trade has been done recently is evident from the engagement of manufacturers. Makers of sized goods and low and medium printing cloths continue to fare worst. Local demand for yarns has been brisk and a large trade has been done in fine counts for the Continent. Prices are advanced 2 1/4d per lb. for coarse counts to 2d per lb. finer. China has taken a few grey whites and fancies. India has purchased (dhoties, light, fancy and dyed goods and a few shirtings. South America has bought small varied lots.

AMAZING FEAT.

PERILOUS CLIMB.

The remarkable performance of a drunken man was described at Marylebone, when Arthur Strange, a heavily built costermonger, of Clarendon-street, Paddington, was charged with being drunk and disorderly and with assaulting Police-sergeant Robbings and Police-constable Buckingham.

Police-sergeant Robbings said that Strange complained that he had been ejected from a public-house.

He persuaded him to go home, and shortly afterwards Strange appeared at his front room window on the third floor, and shouting, "I will show you what I will do with you," threw a chair.

It knocked witness down, and Strange then began to shower ornaments and other missiles on the police, one of which struck Police-constable "Buckingham" as he ducked. Eventually someone in the house opened the front door, fearing that Strange would jump out of the window.

The police rushed upstairs to find that Strange's room door was barricaded with heavy furniture. They forced the door, and then, to our amazement, said Sergeant Robbings, "Strange was not in the room. We rushed downstairs again, expecting to find him in the area below, but he was not."

Information from the large crowd led the police to another room on the top floor.

Strange had climbed from the one window to the other, with practically nothing but a bare brick wall to cling to.

As the police entered the room where he was he rushed at them with an iron bar in his hand, but was seized and over-powered and taken to the station.

A list of convictions about two feet in length was produced, and Strange was sentenced to three months' hard labour on each charge of assault—six months in all.

MOTHERS-IN-LAW.

CAUSE OF MARRIAGE FAILURES.

Humorists who aim shafts of wit at mothers-in-law are solemnly justified to-day by the Legal Aid Society, which, for 47 years, has devoted itself to repairing matrimonial shipwrecks among the poorer classes of New York.

The society lays the responsibility for most of the 3,600 marriage failures with which its officers have had to deal within the last year, at the door of the mother-in-law. It ascribes three reasons:

1. No mother thinks any other woman's child is good enough for her own.

2. A mother sees in the marriage of her child the thwarting of her own plans and ambitions.

3. Where a boy or girl has been a wage earner a mother dislikes sharing her accustomed income with another.

Statistics of the society show that after the first tilt with her husband the young wife invariably goes to her mother for sympathy and advice. She gets both usually, the society says, with disastrous results.

BRIDE'S CONSCIENCE.

OMISSION THAT STOPPED A WEDDING.

A marriage ceremony in a London register office was stopped when the bride, in reply to the usual question regarding the marriage, whispered an affirmative and began to weep.

The bridegroom attempted to remonstrate with her, but she persisted, and told the registrar that she could not go on with the ceremony as the licence was not in order.

The bridegroom then admitted that he had not lived at the address given on the notice of the statutory period of 15 days, although he had signed the declaration on the notice-form that no legal impediment to the marriage existed.

He explained that he had to go abroad immediately on business and had wanted to be married quickly so that his bride could accompany him.

It was finally agreed that the wedding should be postponed until the bridegroom's return from abroad, unless he could postpone his departure for two days, and thus complete the necessary period of residence, after which a new licence could be issued.

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BADGER-BAITING.

ETON BOY'S LETTER IN 1761.

A typical letter written in 1761 by Master Thomas Frankland in "Floreat" (Nisbet, 12s. 6d. net), by Eric Parker, illustrates the difference between those times and ours. The spirit of badger-baiting has certainly died hard, and may be said to have existed till yesterday. It is feared, however, that it is longer since any Eton boy made cowslip wine and kept it till Bartholomewtide.

The evil that boys do would appear to live after them, while the good is oft interred with their bones. Here is the letter:—

1761, April 21, Tuesday (Eton). Dear Papa, I hope that you received my letter safe, and that I shall sometimes have a letter from you, to know (how) you all do at Kirby. I am quite well and in very good spirits. I was out at a badger-baiting last night, out on Eton Common; we worried one to death almost with the dogs; they turned out another which was very big and huge, it was as huge as the twenty moons.

At last it broke its cord and we ran it about a mile over hedges and ditches, and gates and stile, and finished our sport at eight o'clock, and did not till it, but it is to be hunted to-day again with a pack of hounds, and it is to be ten minutes before them, which sport I shall not have the pleasure to see, for none but the fifth and sixth form boys go to it.

My watch is very well, and goes always exactly by Eton clock. I am making a bottle of cowslip wine, and go every day out of bounds for to fetch cowslips; it goes on very well, and I intend to keep it till Bartholomewtide, and cork it up close—and by that time it will be extremely good.

Pray give my love to all my sisters, and give them a kiss all round for me. I hope mama will not be affronted with my not having mentioned her before, sisters, but indeed I had quite forgot, and to make her amends, tell her that little trumpery boy is quite well.

Postscript. — I am extremely glad to see that Nana is so much improved in her writing as to be able to write a letter.

Thomas Frankland to Admiral Frankland.

That little trumpery boy, though he did not know it, was writing a little bit of the social history of his time.

THEFTS FROM TEACHERS.

LEAVING THE JOB TO FATHER.

On the father's promise to give him a good thrashing, Mr. Lankester, at West London, did not order a hiring for Augustus Stanford, aged thirteen, who, with Frederick William Larkin, was charged on remand with stealing \$8 from Fulham women school teachers. Larkin was discharged.

Evidence at the last hearing was that Stanford obtained the money by going to the houses of teachers while they were at school and representing that they had lost their purses and had sent him to get some money.

Larkin denied the charge on oath, and Mr. Leslie Smith, who defended him, urged that he could not be convicted on the uncorroborated testimony of "this young thief, Stanford."

Mr. Lankester: I agree, and I shall discharge him, though I think he is a very foolish man, and has only his own folly to thank for having anything to do with this wicked boy.

Continuing, his Worship said, "This boy is a thorough young rascal. He is quite a clever boy, an extraordinary boy—but he ought to be smartly punished. Has he been sending these shopkeepers?"

The Boy's Father: Yes, sir.

Mr. Lankester: It looks as if he wanted to model himself on Captain Macheath. Perhaps he has been to see "The Beggar's Opera."

The father said he had caned and thrashed the boy.

Mr. Lankester: Yes, that is all right, but I think he ought to be hired in a serious way by the police.

Mr. Webb, Industrial School Officer, asked his Worship not to order a hiring, because that would mean a conviction, and if the boy offended again he would have to be sent to a reformatory, not to an industrial school.

He added: "This boy has no mother. He is a scholarship boy, and it is only within the last few months that he has gone wrong."

Mr. Lankester: If his father promises to give him a good thrashing I won't order a hiring.

The father promised to do so; and the Worship accepted the father's bid to bring the boy in for judgment if called upon within twelve months, and placed him on probation.

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BOY AND GIRL LOVERS.

YOUNG SUICIDES BURIED IN ONE GRAVE.

The boy and girl lovers, Jack Finch, 17, and Margaret Trigg, 15, who committed suicide on the railway line, were buried in the same grave at Carshalton (Surrey) cemetery.

The Bishop of Southwark permitted a service in the church, where the bodies were taken. The rector, the Rev. W. R. Corbould, said it was contrary to the custom of the Church to give her last rites "to those who laid their hands against themselves" but in this case there were extenuating circumstances.

A bunch of violets was thrown into the grave by the boy's mother.

THE TRAINING OF THE IMAGINATION.

We have received the report of an address delivered by a prominent English school teacher, whose remarks are worthy the attention of all interested in the education of the young.

His contention is that there is a possible bad side in the increase of learning, multiplication of subjects, systematisation of methods, catagory of school books—all the machinery which has been brought into play to aid us in our desire to know, and to reduce the art of teaching to an exact science. The author hopes that his readers will agree with him that the object of education is not to know, but to live.

We are in danger of trusting too much to books and systems, too little to the living influence of mind on mind; too much to rapidity of learning, too little to development of power. We are in danger of organising the soul out of education, of a tendency to look to the accumulation of facts as an adequate result, though they may lie like lead in the brain that bears them; in a word, of confounding the mere capacity for housing mental goods with the growth of the vital powers conferred by education.

When we meet a learned man, it does not necessarily occur to us to wish to be like him; it does not even follow that he is an admirable, or even a truly educated man. Knowledge, in short, he conceives to be mental food which, taken in moderation and duly digested, enables the mind to live and think and grow.

A well-informed man, therefore, is not more worthy of regard than a well-fed man. The brain, indeed, is a nobler organ than the stomach, but on that account it is the less to be excused for indulging in repletion.

He concludes that it is only by application of ideas to life that man's existence is rendered capable of improvement. That there is but one power that seems alike proportioned to our highest aspirations and our deepest needs: imagination is that sacred power.

Imagination flits and refined; it is hers to pluck the amaranthine flower.

Of Faith, and round the sufferer's temples bind wreaths that endure affliction's heaviest shower.

And do not shrink from sorrow's keenest winds.

—From O. Liberal.

SOBBED LIKE A CHILD.

ON HEARING THE WORD "WORK."

Harry Isaacs, a fish caterer, of Kingsland-road N.E., waited three and a half years after his engagement had been broken off before suing his former sweetheart for the return of a £40 diamond ring.

Judge Chier, in Shoreditch County Court, upheld the action, and ordered the ring to be returned, or the sum of £25 to be paid.

The girl, Miss Hetty Fraenkelbaum, also of Kingsland-road, said Isaacs borrowed from her all his wants, and she, in turn, incurred heavy debts to keep him.

Whenever she asked him to look for work, she said, he would break down and sob like a child.

After waiting for 18 months she sold the ring for £20 to pay some of the debts owing on Isaacs' account.

LOCKED IN BATHROOM.

GIRL'S WEDDING STOPPED.

A broken engagement led to an action at Wandsworth County Court, when Mr. William Henry Court, of Somerset-road, Norbiton, sued Miss Florence Gertrude Pritchard, of Greywood-street, Streatham, for the return of an engagement ring and furniture.

Mr. Court said that he was formerly engaged to Miss Pritchard, and the articles were bought in contemplation of his marriage. Later, however, the engagement was broken off by Miss Pritchard.

On one occasion, Mr. Court added, the girl's father locked her in the bathroom to prevent her from getting out to marry him.

Miss Pritchard denied that the engagement was broken off by her.

Judgment was given for the return of the furniture or £20, its value.

SHOT AND HANGED.

SUICIDE OF YOUTH AFTER A SCOLDING.

A seventeen-year-old youth who both shot and hanged himself left the following letter:—

My dear Bill,—Do please forgive me for this, also for any wrong I have ever done you or Jessie. I am very sorry to do it but I can't help it. The devil has got me absolutely in his own power, and I can't turn against him, however hard I try—and I have tried. I expect this will be a shock to you but don't let it worry you. I do hope that God will bless you, Jessie, and Lily, and that you will keep Lily good. I remain in the clutches of the devil for ever.

Chapman, the son of a Tutbury man, was found hanging in his father's slaughter-house.

At the inquest the youth's mother said she had chided the boy for standing talking to girls.

He had been writing to a girl in London, and that was why, she spoke to him about going with girls in the village.

Suicide. While temporarily insane was the verdict.

SHAKESPEARE.
THE FIRST FOLIO.

"Let us cast our minds back to the days of the dramatist when he was working at the white heat of inspiration. So far as we know, up to 1598 'Venus and Adonis,' 'Lucrece,' 'Richard III,' 'Richard II,' 'Romeo and Juliet,' and 'Henry IV' (Part I) had already been printed in quarto. To these, in '98, was added 'Love's Labour Lost,' in which, Shakespeare wrote the pregnant line: 'Devise, wilt write, pen! for I am for whole volumes in folio.'"

"Was it that already he visualised his volumes in folio? Alas! that he did not live to handle them in folio, prepared by himself, as did Ben Jonson in the case of his own works. But 'Love's Labour' was not lost."

—WILFRED PARTINGTON, in *Bookman's Journal*.

"Three hundred years ago—November 8, 1623—two printers went down to Stationers' Hall and entered for publication sixteen of Shakespeare's plays, which then, seven years after his death, still existed only in manuscript," writes G. H. Mair in the *Evening Standard*. "The two represented a little syndicate, all of whom had their shops and presses round about the east end of St. Dunstan's Church in Fleet Street—between that and Fetter Lane. Their names, which we should surely remember to-day were William Jaggard, Isaac Smethwicke and Edward Blount, and the book they had in mind was the *First Folio*, which, next to the Authorised Version of the Bible, published in a very different manner and by Royal Authority twelve years before, is the most famous volume in the English language."

THE GOOD CLERK'S ENTRY.
The editor of the *Bookman's Journal*, Wilfred Partington, tells the story thus:

"Three hundred years ago this month, on the eighth day, one or two men, Isaac Jaggard or Edward Blount—possibly both, for their errand was even for them a momentous one—hurried along under the shadow of old St. Paul's, turned into the fresh gardens of Pembroke's Inn, and passed into Burgavenny House."

"This was the ancient seat of peers which the Worshipful Company of Stationers had not long adapted for their important office; and here was conducted a little formality on which has been focussed the lives and labours of generations of scholars. The formality was not long in the performance, though we have spent time enough over the business since then."

"The clerk, whose quill was hardly dry from licensing John Gerard's *A Daylie Exercise* of Pietie, opened again (with less care than trembling fingers will turn the leaves to-day) the bulky Register, and there he sat down, properly and indelibly, that masters Blount and Jaggard had entered 'for their Copie under the hands of Master Doctor Worrall and Master Cole warden Master William Shakespeares Comedyes Histories and Tragedyes'."

"You may read the good clerk's entry in the facsimile which the Worshipful Company's successors kindly allow us to reproduce from their time-worn Register," says the *Bookman's Journal*. "Gazing on it we may see the sign not only of our heritage of priceless records, but the seal which authorised the publication, in what was proudly spoken of as the First Folio, of works 'not of an age, but for all time'—works which have put a girle round the Earth's literature."

FOLIO AT £1 A COPY.

"The Folio had an edition which has been estimated at 250 copies, and it was published at £1," says Mr. Mair. "Such a sum would represent, I suppose, about £12 to-day, so that the intended volume of the book must have been comparable to our 'limited editions'—like, for instance, some of the recent editions of *Leaves of Grass* of Mr. George Moore."

"The importance of it, which justifies the celebration of its tercentenary to-day, is not merely or chiefly sentimental. The value of the portrait apart, it contains twenty plays out of the thirty-seven which Shakespeare wrote which exist in no other form."

"Hemminge and Condell must have brought the printers the prompt copies, for in some places what appear to be the printer's notes have crept into the text. One famous case deserves remembrance, if only because it produced the most brilliant of all Shakespearean emendations. Mrs. Quickly, describing Falstaff's death at the beginning of *Henry V*, says:

"After I saw him fumble with sheets and play with flowers, and smile upon his fingers' end, I knew there was but one way—for his Nose was as sharp as a Pen, and a Table of Greene fields."

WHAT WE SHOULD HAVE MISSED.

"So it runs in the Folio, and though what a table of green field means, nobody knows: it is probably a managerial note about a back cloth for Elizabethan

DE PROFUNDIS.

(To My Unknown Rose)

Goodbye, Goodbye for
stringent time
Has never meant a life
for love;
This perfect bliss
indwells above.
There blending with
the angels' rhyme

Hand-clasps are sad, goodbye is
more
Than in the moments ere
we part,
For thoughts of you shall
frame my heart.
And mind, sweet now and
evermore

My lips shall linger on your name
'Caress' each letter it has
wrought;
'Caress' till agonies un-
thought,
Shall mould for me a lover's fame

To you these lips have longed to
tell
Love's inarticulate speech;
But then a gulf too wide to
bridge
Surrendered it to Silence's hell

I was so volatile and cared—
For pleasures and my will
alone;
I had no dreams, outside my
own,

Until I met you, then I dared
I dared until your pallid face
Lit with an angel's tranquil
thought,
Translucent but a light of
God—

Consigned me to confusion's maze
Yet angel-child I love you still
And if to err and love is sin
Then let my grief pardon
win

But Ella Wilcox's words shall
thrill
Oh! ghost of a sin unrelenting
Go back to the dust and the sword
Too dear and too sweet for
repenting,
Ye stand between me and my God

—H. M. SILVA.

SICK CHILD ANOINED.

"PECULIAR PEOPLE" CHARGED.

A verdict of Manslaughter was returned at an inquest at West Ham, E., against Henry Norman Burkiss, a plate-layer's labourer, of Canning Town, E., and Louise, his wife, in connection with the death of their three-years-old boy, who was stated that they belonged to the "Peculiar People." When the child fell ill they called in elders of their faith, who anointed and laid hands upon the child, but he died.

Both parents said they did not call in a doctor because "they believed in and trusted the Lord."

Dr. Kennedy, the police surgeon, said death was due to diphtheria. The Coroner: Did the child suffer much?—Yes, it is a death by slow strangulation. In all probability had the child had a dose of diphtheria-anti-toxin it would have recovered.

The coroner committed the parents for trial at the Central Criminal Court.

scenery though exiguous did exist. The genius of Theobald, however, altered the words to what you read in every ordinary copy of Shakespeare, inviting you to think of Falstaff in a last delirium chattering about the countryside.

"Let us remember to-day that without the two actors and the five printers and their great book we should know only by contemporary references in diaries and the like (and in some cases not at all) of the Tempest, Julius Caesar, Macbeth, Antony and Cleopatra, and Cymbeline; of Measure for Measure, As You Like It, All's Well, Twelfth Night, and Winter's Tale.

"Rosalind and Viola, Olivia and Imogen and Isabella would be strangers to us, of whose very existence we should never know. Brutus and Cassius and Antony we should be aware of only as historic figures, and in the case of the shadowy Macbeth hardly even as that. 'Friends, Romans, Countrymen! The cloud cap't towers, the gorgeous palaces, the tomorrows and to-morrow and to-morrow! All the world's a stage; 'Tis but a man's life, and he himself but a player; he has his exits and his entrances; and thus one scene is full of them. And yet, to be honest, it is not the man himself but the play that we know."

"We should never have met a fool in the forest, nor heard Antony crying his wares nor taken our part in the night of horror and suspense before the murder of Duncan, nor with the porter have heard the knocking at the gate. Men and women, the creatures of Shakespeare's imagination, who are bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh, more real to us than our ancestors, would have been hidden from us for ever."

Surely, says Mr. Mair, Hemminge, Condell, Jaggards, Aspley, Smethwicke, and Blount, our best remembrance, and most humble and hearty thanks."

So it runs in the Folio, and though what a table of green field means, nobody knows: it is probably a managerial note about a back cloth for Elizabethan

RUSSIAN TRADE REVIVAL.

INCREASE IN MANY EXPORTS.

Signs of substantial revival of the trade of Russia with the outside world are interesting the business community.

The secretary of the Russo-British Chamber of Commerce states that Russia's export trade is beginning to develop on more normal lines and to assume substantial proportions. The trade in grain, hides, furs, timber, and butter is growing steadily, if slowly.

A steady increase in the export of grain from Odessa is reported by the Russian Trade Delegation in this country. Since the middle of September, 9 shiploads of grain have left Odessa for Constantinople. In one month—from October 15 to November 15—the Exportable Company sold abroad 500,000 tons of grain, in addition to 300,000 tons sold up to October 15, and it was reported that there was three times as much ready for export. Eventually 3,000,000 tons of grain would be sold abroad, it was estimated. The growth of the trade is shown by the fact that the export for the full year ending August 1, amounted to only 613,341 tons, most of this going to Germany, Denmark, Holland, and France.

WOOD EXPORTS.
The returns of the Board of Trade show that in the first 10 months of this year the imports of hewn soft wood from Russia amounted to 38,537 loads, as compared with 4,486 loads in the first 10 months in 1922; and the imports of soft sawn wood rose from 264,248 loads in the same period of 1922 to 377,126 loads.

During the first three quarters of 1923 we imported from Russia merchandise to the value of £4,818,227, as compared with £3,189,898 in the same period of 1922. The imports from Latvia (formerly part of Russia) rose from £1,926,304 to £4,237,739.

Arco Ltd., the sole purchasing and selling agency in Great Britain for the Soviet Government, report that the turn-over of trade during October showed an increase on that of September. Purchases made in England during October amounted to £637,987, as compared with £477,858 in September. Among the principal commodities bought in England during October were:

Agricultural requirements, £34,184; coal, £21,500; chemicals, £30,746; electrical plant, £193,378; metals, £72,217; rubber and tyres, £139,390; textiles, £50,671; textile machinery, £20,878.

One cargo reached England from Russia recently with £500,000 worth of furs.

CHEQUE BROUGHT BY A PIGEON.

The secretary of the London Federation of Homing Pigeon Societies received an offer of a cheque from Mr. George Goodwin, of 33, Meredith-road, Clacton-on-Sea, payable to the London Federation of Homing Pigeon Societies. The cheque was selected from the collection owned by Mr. E. Richards, of Stratford, and was liberated by Mr. Goodwin on Clacton Pier at 11.4. In spite of bad visibility it reached London at 1.15 with the cheque attached to its leg by a rubber band. The cheque was handed to the House Governor when he opened the show in the afternoon. Six hundred long-distance homing pigeons were shown at the exhibition, and the whole of the proceeds will be devoted to the London Hospital.

STOLEN BANNS.

Marriage banns, a marriage register, a silver Communion set, and various documents were stolen from St. Andrew's Church, Stanley-road, Bootle, when the church was entered and its safe taken bodily away. A jemmy had been used to force open the vestry door, and it is believed that the burglar took the safe without examining its contents. Here he smashed it open with a hammer, but only discovered a money box. He left the other contents untouched. Great anxiety was felt among the parishioners as to whether the banns would be rescued in time, for reading at Sunday morning's service, but with commendable promptitude the Bootle police took up the scent, and found the safe in a house in Litherland. The culprit had flown, but every effort is being made to effect his arrest.

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EDUCATION.

INTERESTING NOTES.

The Association of Assistant Masters, is one of the four associations which together represent the teachers in secondary schools. The other three bodies are the Associations of Headmistresses, Headmasters, and Assistant Mistresses, and the combined membership lists include nearly all the teachers covered by the title whether they are engaged in municipal, grant-earning, or independent endowed schools, or in the case of assistants at least, in the big public schools. The four bodies are quite independent and distinct, but common action in regard to matters concerning all four is secured by means of a joint standing committee, which meets regularly and is able to give expression to the considered opinion of teachers in secondary schools taken as a whole. It is hoped from time to time to give the views of others of the associations mentioned on points which concern them more closely than the Assistant Masters.

We seem to have reached to-day a critical stage in the development of our system of education and this Association, at least, welcomes the opportunity now afforded it of placing its views before the public, not only in the interest of its members, but mainly because it is felt that they will be of use to and should be considered by those readers who as taxpayers and as parents must help in making the final decision on the problems which are now requiring solution. The demand for education beyond the primary stage, which increased enormously during the war, has expanded still further since then. Parents do realise that education is a good thing for their children, and they mean the children to have it. Many of them may not realise fully that the real benefits conferred cannot be measured by means of the consequent increase in individual or even in the national income, but their attitude is, nevertheless, an encouraging sign of a real awakening.

THE BALANCE SHEET.

On the other hand, the economic distress which have followed the war have focussed attention on the cost of our national system. In many quarters this point is dealt with most unfairly. Comparisons between the expenditures involved now and in 1913 are of no value unless attention is paid to the present devaluation of money, the ratio between the costs of this and of other public services, and the increase of facilities provided now. It should be remembered, too, that it was generally recognised then that the financial provision made was for several reasons, quite inadequate. It is, nevertheless, important that care should be taken to make certain that there is no unnecessary waste involved in the present system. In doing this it should be remembered that the expenditure involved would properly come under some such heading as depreciation in the balance-sheet of a private company. Just as the manufacturer makes provision for the replacement of his machines by better ones, so the nation prepares by its educational system a new generation to replace the present one at the proper time.

CROWDED SCHOOLS; FEW SCHOLARSHIPS.

At present our secondary schools are crowded, and the number of scholarships provided for the children whose parents cannot afford to pay fees is everywhere scandalously low. Many more schools and many more scholarships are needed to meet the legitimate demands of those children who desire and who are capable of profiting by education beyond the primary stage. How this pressing need is to be met at this present time of financial stress is a problem as important as any other which is confronting us to-day.

The supply and training of teachers is now being considered by a departmental committee, and although its terms of reference allow it to deal with the primary service only, its deliberations concern the secondary school also. The earlier part of the intending teacher's preparation is undertaken in them, and many who undergo the training with which the Committee is concerned ultimately find positions on the staff of a secondary school. The report is not yet issued, but one is tempted to say that any method which supercedes the training by education authorities of immature children to provide

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themselves to become teachers is bound to be an improvement. This method has been the usual one adopted whenever there was a failure in supply, and is one of the chief reasons for the lamentably overcrowded state of the profession at present.

NEW BURNHAM COMMITTEES.

On the financial side the method by which the national Government gives assistance to the local education authorities is under investigation by another departmental committee. A third committee has issued its report on superannuation, and this is a matter which the next Government must tackle at an early date. The Act which takes 5 per cent of a teacher's salary for the general purposes of the Treasury is valid only until next June, and obviously cannot furnish any solution of the pension problem. It is expected, too, that new Burnham committees will shortly be called together to discuss a possible salary agreement, to operate after the present one runs out in 1925. Each of these matters taken separately is of extreme importance; together, their solution will go far to determine the fate of our education system, and that is, in effect, to determine our future greatness or the reverse as a nation.

TO SECRETARIES OF CLUBS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

All preliminary notices of forthcoming meetings, lectures and entertainments, sent for insertion in the news columns of the *China Mail*, are charged for at the rate of \$1 each, (as announced in May and June of 1922) providing that they do not occupy more than four lines. In future if this space is exceeded they will be placed in the advertising columns at the prevailing rates.

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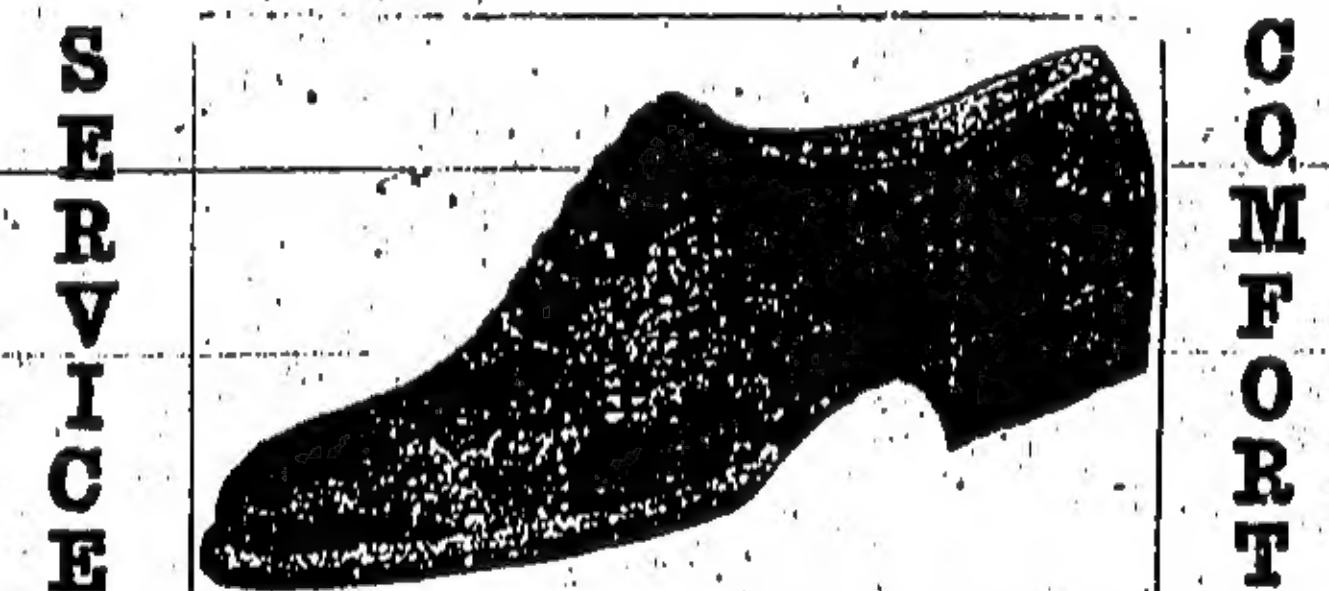
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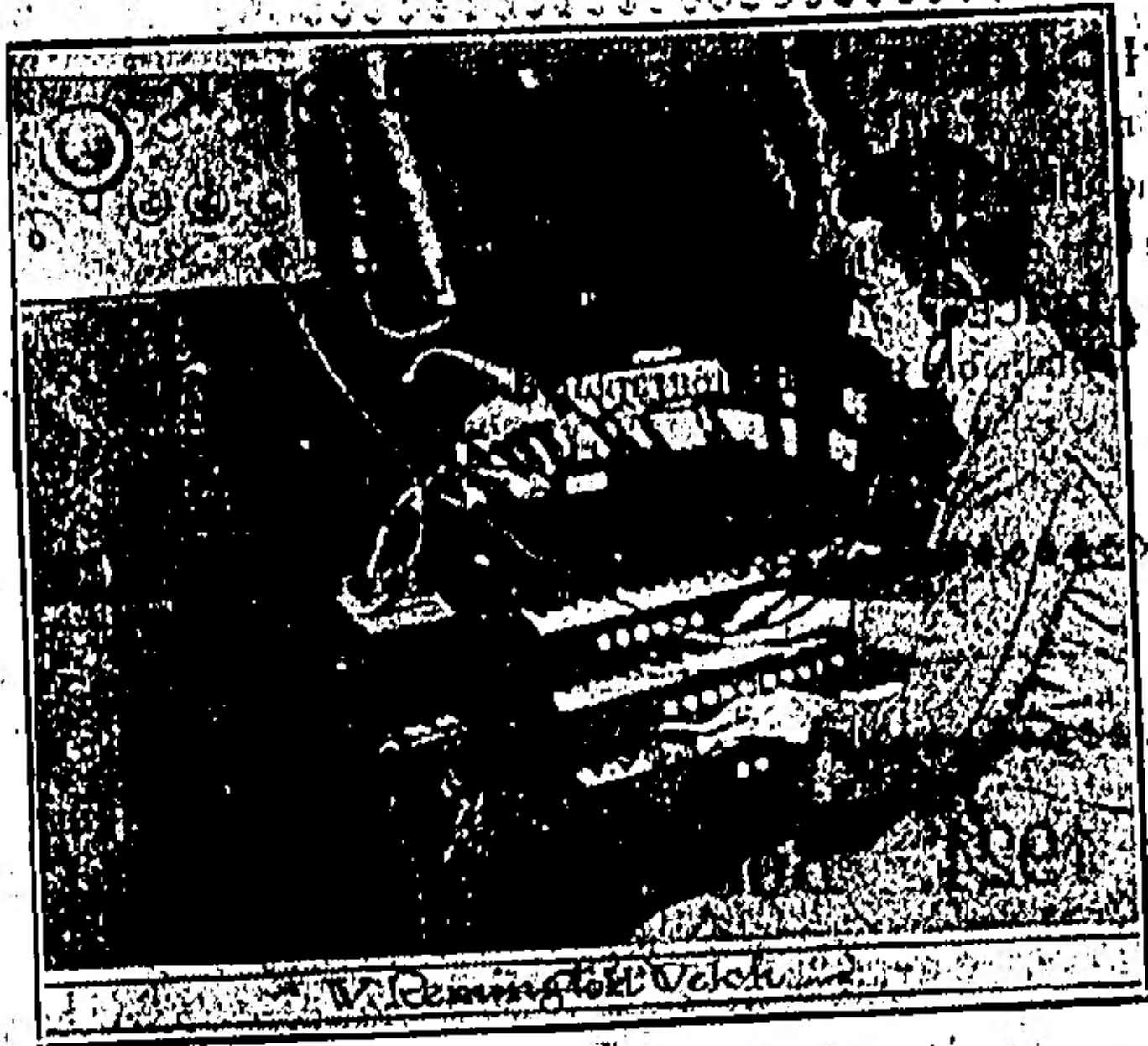
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The Anglo-Russian cable, which has been out of order owing to a break in the wire administered by the Russian Government, has now been repaired and communication will be resumed.



In order that he may know how the radio fans are getting the music he plays for broadcasting stations in Chicago, W. Remington Welch, organist, has had a radio receiving set installed on the organ. He hears his own music through the radio.



Above is pictured the effective sign placed by the St. Louis (Mo.) Safety Council at one of the busiest street intersections as a grim reminder to motorists to travel slowly and carefully through the city thoroughfares.



Baroness Wrangle

Baroness Wrangle, wife of General Wrangle, who led the ill-fated White Army against the Bolsheviks in Russia, has reached New York for an extended visit.



Dr. M. Carey Thomas

In a recent address Dr. M. Carey Thomas, President Emeritus of Bryn Mawr College, expressed the opinion that the nation's greatest need is a corps of statesmen under 40 years of age. Men of this age, she asserted, are better equipped to help settle the world's greatest problems.



Charles L. Craig

Essex County Jail

The decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, upholding the 60-day sentence imposed upon Charles L. Craig, Comptroller of the City of New York, by Federal Judge Julius L. Mayer, has been followed by a demand for a revision of the laws under which judges may hold citizens in contempt of court. For making adverse criticism of Judge Mayer in a transit case in which the city was interested, Mr. Craig must leave his comfortable home in Riverside Drive, where he is pictured, and spend 60 days in this block of cells in the Essex County Jail, at Newark, N. J.



Howard Calvert, Frank O'Neil and Police Patrol

Howard Calvert, stunt pilot, shown handcuffed to his manager, Frank O'Neil (right); they were arrested in Akron, O., by Air Patrolman Harold Kullberg (at extreme right), charged with sky-traffic violations. They were convicted of violating a city ordinance prohibiting stunt flying over certain districts. The two men were sentenced by Judge Ziesler to spend one day in a kite-balloon, tethered at the end of a 1,000-foot cable, in plain view of the whole city.



Atty.-Gen. Daugherty, H. Cabot Lodge & C. Bascom Siemp

United States Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, of Massachusetts, is said to be endeavouring to form a coalition with leading Democrats to enact into law the Mellon suggestion for lowering income taxes. Mr. Lodge is shown leaving the White House, where he conferred with President Coolidge on the proposition. He is engaged in conversation with Attorney-General Harry M. Daugherty and C. Bascom Siemp, Mr. Coolidge's secretary.



Mrs. Ethel Preston McCormick

Mrs. Ethel Preston McCormick, wife of Francis Huger McAdoo, son of William Gibbs McAdoo, former Secretary of the Treasury, has been granted a Paris divorce. Mrs. McAdoo's mother is the second wife of Captain Isaac E. Emerson, bromide seltzer manufacturer, of Baltimore.



Barbara La Marr, H. L. Roth & Arthur L. Sawyer

Herman L. Roth, prominent New York and Los Angeles attorney, is under arrest in the latter city, charged with attempting to blackmail Barbara La Marr, screen star out of \$20,000. Arthur L. Sawyer, producing director of the First National Pictures Corporation, is said to have given Roth \$400 in marked bills just before the arrest. As attorney for Miss La Marr's former husband, Roth is alleged to have demanded the \$20,000 as his price for not filing an amendment to the divorce petition, naming a score of other men as co-respondents.



Mrs. Charles L. Craig

Mrs. Charles L. Craig, wife of the Comptroller of the City of New York, who is under sentence to serve 60 days in the Essex County Jail, Newark, N. J., for contempt of court in criticizing the actions of Federal Judge Julius L. Mayer, declared to reporters she would make every effort to gain permission to accompany her husband to jail. Failing that, she will take a cottage convenient to the jail to be near him.

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Yokohama—Yong Lok—5 p.m.
Hanyang—Hanyang—5 p.m.
Saigon—Saigon—5 p.m.
Manila—Manila—5 p.m.

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Haiphong—Zebu—5.30 a.m.
Shanghai—Hoihow—10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Hoihow—Noon.
Strait and Ceylon—Hoihow—1.30 p.m.
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Bangkok—Bangkok—1.30 p.m.
Shanghai—Shanghai—1.30 p.m.
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 19.
Manila—Manila—5.30 a.m.
Straits and Ceylon—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Shanghai—Shanghai—5.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Straits and Ceylon—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Bangkok—Bangkok—5.30 a.m.
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 20.
Manila—Manila—5.30 a.m.
Straits and Ceylon—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Shanghai—Shanghai—5.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Straits and Ceylon—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Bangkok—Bangkok—5.30 a.m.
Shanghai—Shanghai—5.30 a.m.
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8.30 a.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 21.
Manila—Manila—5.30 a.m.
Straits and Ceylon—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Shanghai—Shanghai—5.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Straits and Ceylon—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Bangkok—Bangkok—5.30 a.m.
Shanghai—Shanghai—5.30 a.m.
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8.30 a.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22.
Manila—Manila—5.30 a.m.
Straits and Ceylon—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Shanghai—Shanghai—5.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Straits and Ceylon—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Bangkok—Bangkok—5.30 a.m.
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23.
Manila—Manila—5.30 a.m.
Straits and Ceylon—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Shanghai—Shanghai—5.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 24.
Manila—Manila—5.30 a.m.
Straits and Ceylon—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Shanghai—Shanghai—5.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Straits and Ceylon—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Bangkok—Bangkok—5.30 a.m.
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 25.
Manila—Manila—5.30 a.m.
Straits and Ceylon—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Shanghai—Shanghai—5.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Straits and Ceylon—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Bangkok—Bangkok—5.30 a.m.
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 26.
Manila—Manila—5.30 a.m.
Straits and Ceylon—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Shanghai—Shanghai—5.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Straits and Ceylon—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Bangkok—Bangkok—5.30 a.m.
Shanghai—Shanghai—5.30 a.m.
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 27.
Manila—Manila—5.30 a.m.
Straits and Ceylon—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Shanghai—Shanghai—5.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Straits and Ceylon—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Bangkok—Bangkok—5.30 a.m.
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MONDAY, JANUARY 28.
Manila—Manila—5.30 a.m.
Straits and Ceylon—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Shanghai—Shanghai—5.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Straits and Ceylon—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Bangkok—Bangkok—5.30 a.m.
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TUESDAY, JANUARY 29.
Manila—Manila—5.30 a.m.
Straits and Ceylon—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Shanghai—Shanghai—5.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Straits and Ceylon—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30.
Manila—Manila—5.30 a.m.
Straits and Ceylon—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Shanghai—Shanghai—5.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Straits and Ceylon—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Bangkok—Bangkok—5.30 a.m.
Shanghai—Shanghai—5.30 a.m.
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 31.
Manila—Manila—5.30 a.m.
Straits and Ceylon—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Shanghai—Shanghai—5.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Straits and Ceylon—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Bangkok—Bangkok—5.30 a.m.
Shanghai—Shanghai—5.30 a.m.
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1.
Manila—Manila—5.30 a.m.
Straits and Ceylon—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Shanghai—Shanghai—5.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2.
Manila—Manila—5.30 a.m.
Straits and Ceylon—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Shanghai—Shanghai—5.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3.
Manila—Manila—5.30 a.m.
Straits and Ceylon—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Shanghai—Shanghai—5.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Straits and Ceylon—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Bangkok—Bangkok—5.30 a.m.
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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4.
Manila—Manila—5.30 a.m.
Straits and Ceylon—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Shanghai—Shanghai—5.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5.
Manila—Manila—5.30 a.m.
Straits and Ceylon—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Shanghai—Shanghai—5.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6.
Manila—Manila—5.30 a.m.
Straits and Ceylon—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Shanghai—Shanghai—5.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7.
Manila—Manila—5.30 a.m.
Straits and Ceylon—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Shanghai—Shanghai—5.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8.
Manila—Manila—5.30 a.m.
Straits and Ceylon—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
Shanghai—Shanghai—5.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Hoihow—5.30 a.m.
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WEATHER REPORT.

January 17th 11h 30m.—Pressure
has increased moderately at Shang-
hai and slightly from Foochow to
Amoy. It is nearly stationary at
other reporting stations.

The anticyclone appears to be
central over N. China.

Moderate to fresh monsoon may
be expected along the S.E. coast
of China and over the northern
portion of the N. China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours
ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch.
Total since January 1st, 0.06 inches,
against an average of 0.49 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at
noon on January 18, 1924.
1.—Formosa Channel, N.E. winds,
fresh.

2.—South coast of China between
Hongkong and Lamook. N.E. winds,
moderate; cloudy, drizzle or mist.

3.—Hongkong to Can Rock. N.E. winds,
moderate; cloudy, drizzle or mist.

4.—South coast of China between
Hongkong and Hainan. N.E. winds,
moderate; cloudy, drizzle or mist.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY,
HONGKONG.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

JANUARY 17, 1924.—a.m.

Station.	Barom.	Therm.	Humid.	Wind.	Cloud.
Victoria Peak	30.07	10	85	SW 2	b
Central	30.07	10	85	SW 2	b
Admiralty	30.07	10	85	SW 2	b
Wanchow	30.07	10	85	SW 2	b
Yap	30.07	10	85	SW 2	b
Tabanan	30.07	10	85	SW 2	b
Manila	30.07	10	85	SW 2	b
Singapore	30.07	10	85	SW 2	b
Batavia	30.07	10	85	SW 2	b
Soerabaya	30.07	10	85	SW 2	b
Samarang	30.07	10	85	SW 2	b
Surabaya	30.07	10	85	SW 2	b
Bandung	30.07	10	85	SW 2	b
Medan	30.07	10	85	SW 2	b
Pekan	30.07	10	85	SW 2	b
Selangor	30.07	10	85	SW 2	b
Kuala Lumpur	30.07	10	85	SW 2	b
Ipoh	30.07	10	85	SW 2	b
Malacca	30.07	10	85	SW 2	b
Port Swettenham	30.07	10	85	SW 2	b
Penang	30.07	10	85	SW 2	b
George Town	30.07	10	85	SW 2	b
Alor Star	30.07	10	85	SW 2	b
Kuala Gopoh	30.07	10	85	SW 2	b
Marang	30.07	10	85	SW 2	b
Bagan Serai	30.07	10	85	SW 2	b
Alor Setar	30.07	10	85	SW 2	b
Padang	30.07	10	85	SW 2	b
Bandar Lampung	30.07	10	85	SW 2	b
Pangkalpinang	30.07	10	85	SW 2	b
Samarinda	30.07	10	85	SW 2	b
Putussibung	30.07	10	85	SW 2	b
Belaga	30.07	10	85	SW 2	b
Marau	30.07	10	85	SW 2	b
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